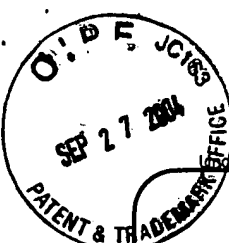


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Communication dated September 3, 2004, Applicant elects Invention #1 drawn to a stent, classified in class 623, subclass 1.15, without traverse.

With respect to Invention #1, Applicant further elects the following subspecies:

Structure

a. Figures 1a-d

Material of Stent

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